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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress on the death of John
Cardinal O'Connor, Archbishop of New York.

Whereas His Eminence John Cardinal O'Connor was born
John Joseph O'Connor on January 15, 1920, in south-
west Philadelphia, the son of Thomas and Mary O'Con-
nor;

Whereas his duty to God and country led him to serve loyally
as a chaplain in the United States Navy, counseling thou-

sands of brave young men and women during his tenure,
which included tours of duty during the Vietnam War;

Whereas John Cardinal O'Connor served the people of the
Archdiocese of New York with honor and distinction for
over 15 years;

Whereas John Cardinal O'Connor became an internationally
recognized leader in the field of human rights, working
for peace and justice;

Whereas John Cardinal O'Connor was a champion of Catho-
lic schools, particularly in inner-city communities;

Whereas John Cardinal O'Connor has always spoken out and
acted to aid the elderly, homeless, working people, the
mentally disabled, and the poor;

Whereas John Cardinal O'Connor has provided compassion
through his words and actions and made it known that
everyone was a child of God and was deserving of love,
compassion, and respect;

Whereas John Cardinal O'Connor led the Catholic Church in
recognizing the terrible toll of AIDS and opened New
York State's first AIDS-only unit, at St. Claire's Hos-
pital;

Whereas John Cardinal O'Connor worked tirelessly to
strengthen relations between Catholics and followers of
the Jewish faith, recognizing the power of the interfaith
alliance and leading the Vatican to recognize the State of
Israel; and

Whereas John Cardinal O'Connor was guided in his actions
by the Spirit of the Lord: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
- 2 *concurring)*, That the Congress—

(3) recognizes with appreciation and respect John Cardinal O'Connor's commitment to and example of faith, love, respect, and dignity for all mankind.

Attest: **JEFF TRANDAHL,**
Clerk.